

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application, in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Status of the Specification

The Specification has been amended but no new matter has been added. The amendment completes the sentence as noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Applicants have also corrected the Abstract to be in narrative form. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8 and 10-13 are pending.

Claim 5 has been amended and no new matter has been added.

Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 10-13 has been added. Support for claims 10-13 can be found in the Specification in Fig. 1, Fig. 2, page 5, lines 9-14, and page 7, lines 6-10.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,607,732 to Ikeoka et al. ("Ikeoka"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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